

Germania Brewery
(Neuweiler Brewery)
Front and Gordon Streets
Allentown
Lehigh County
Pennsylvania

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HISTORIC AMERICAN ENGINEERING RECORD

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Location: Front and Gordon Streets, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

History: In 1878, Benedict Nuding built the Germania Brewery of South Seventh Street, at the rear of the hotel of this name, with a capacity of 4,000 barrels, and conducted it until 1900; then Lewis F. Neuweiler became associated with him and they traded under the name of Nuding-Neuweiler Brewing Company until 1900. The capacity was increased to 20,000 barrels a year. Neuweiler purchased Nuding's interest and substituted his two sons, Charles and Louis, Jr., in his place, and since then the business has been carried on in the name of L. F. Neuweiler and Sons. Owing to their rapidly increasing trade, a block-square of land was secured at Front and Gordon Streets in 1911, when a new plant was started, thoroughly equipped with the latest and best machinery and completed by April, 1913; and they moved to their new quarters on April 28. They employed 40 hands. Their annual capacity was 50,000 barrels. The bottling department was started in 1906 with a daily capacity of 100 barrels. In 1934 an addition was built to the bottling house along Front Street. The firm declared bankruptcy in 1967 and production ceased the following year.

Historian: Peter H. Stott, HAER Inventory, 1979.